

## LETTER FROM WEAVER DISTRICT.

EDITOR MINER:—Development in quartz and placer mining is going ahead briskly in this old district. Reed, Parson & Co. are running their arrastras steadily on ore from the Antelope mine, at the head of Weaver Gulch, which pays them \$90 per ton. Finton & Co. who are sinking the deep shaft in Weaver Gulch—mentioned in one of my previous letters—are down 160 feet, and no bedrock yet. Thus far they have passed through alternate layers of gravel and cement. The gravel in the bottom of the shaft prospects in gold; one piece found weighed \$138, and is in the shape of a Roman Cross. Flanagan, Dodson & Co. have also commenced sinking a shaft on Weaver Gulch, intending to go to bedrock if possible. Bill Johnson's arrastras are running on ore from the Antelope and Marcus mines, and is paying well. George Bird and John Timmerman are arrastring from the "Multum in Parvo" mine, which pays \$80 per ton. Mr. Partridge is having his shaft, on Sexton, pushed ahead vigorously.

A great local excitement is raging here over "dry-washing machines." Mr. J. Powell arrived here about two weeks ago with one of those machines, and has since then been making a grand success, saving the finest flour gold. Mr. Powell states that he can run through 52 tons a day with the assistance of three men, and clear \$100 per day from ground that will prospect three cents to the pan. Mr. Powell is about to have several more of these machines constructed. A great many companies are being formed to go into the dry-washing machine business.

It is claimed that from Rich Hill to the Hassayampa, a distance of ten miles, the whole plain, gulches, arroyos, canyons, bars and hills, will pay five cents to the pan. Up to the present time water has been the great desideratum in the district.

The placer-ground being located so rapidly, in twenty acre tracts, the miners of the district held a meeting and cut down placer claims to 200 feet square, thus giving everybody a show.

Mr. McBain, who at present is building Mr. Partridge's new hotel on Antelope creek, is about to take a contract to make a large number of those dry washing machines. He has one of his own in company with some others at Prescott, which he intends to have removed to this place at once. When a few thousands of those machines are at work here and they accomplish half what is claimed for them, it will make things lively, for already after dark can be heard from the bluffs which surround the southern spur of Rich Hill, "The Star Spangled Banner, Garvown, Soy puro Mejicano no tengo nada de Espanol."

DRY WASHER.

Weaver District, July 17, 1877.

## RAILROADS AGAIN.

We learn that a number of prominent merchants are in consultation with the Southern Pacific officials relative to a reduction of tariff on Arizona freight. The subject will be suitably laid before them, and it is thought the movement will meet with success.—[L. A. Herald.]

With the present high tariff charged by the Southern Pacific managers, the people will have but little use for them or their railroad. Another railroad is coming westward and will soon tap our Territory, and undoubtedly traverse the whole length and breadth of this fast growing country, thus giving us an easy, cheap outlet to the East, wherein we may receive our supplies of merchandise and send back in return our wonderfully rich ores of gold and silver and shining bars of bullion. The S. P. R. R. has snubbed our best citizens and we will find another channel much more convenient and beneficial to our interests. The eastern people are soliciting our trade and we earnestly believe that freight, inside of twelve months, will be laid down from New York to Prescott, by the Denver and Santa Fe railroad, via Fort Garland, for six cents per pound.

The California Press have started a report to the effect that a court of inquiry has been asked for on the part of the military for the purpose of showing, to the Indian Department and the whole world, that General Kautz has done his whole duty as commander of the Department of Arizona. It is said the court of inquiry is to convene at the instance of a request made by General McDowell who knows that General Kautz has done his whole duty, is an honest efficient officer, hence he wishes to see him vindicated from attacks such as those, of a groundless nature, made by Clum and the Ring. Should the court convene the acts of Clum will undoubtedly be shown up in their clear light as they certainly ought to be.

## LETTER FROM MINERAL PARK.

MINERAL PARK, JULY 12, 1877.

EDITOR MINER:—It now seems that it matters not how much we complain, or what grounds we have for complaint, we are not to have any better mail facilities; that matters are bound to go from bad to worse. Now it seems that a gentleman unacquainted with the country has contracted to carry the mails from Aubrey to Mineral Park for \$1,750 per year. This is quite enough to know about the whole matter; we will not have a mail, as this contract could not be sub let for less than \$5,000 per year. As for the mails up the river we hear that the steamers have refused to carry any more mails and the contractor refuses to carry mails for this place, so we are without mails and if we cannot get all that is due we had better have none. The fact that a postmaster has a right to sort and throw out, or a contractor refuse to carry only a part is in itself quite enough to call for an investigation by the department. But months pass away and no notice is taken of our complaints. We say if men will put in low bids, compel them to fill to the letter, show no lenity and soon we will have a new deal.

## IMMIGRATION.

Immigration continues to move along the dusty roads, with jaded and worn out stock. I certainly pity these immigrants to be caught on the desert in the late hot weather. Only think of trying to haul a wagon with a worn out team through the sands of Soda Lake, when the mercury indicates 125° in the shade and never drop below 110° at night, and when the thermometer is exposed to the sun it crawls up to 145°. Then to think that several large bands of sheep are being driven or attempted to be brought across. The loss is great; not one out of five reaches the Territory alive, yet they come. Several remnants of large droves are now at the Colorado river crossing, but the owners have a sorry tale to tell. Sheep are of but little value in California, and not too high in Arizona; I hear of good flocks being offered at one dollar to two dollars per head.

We have already had a fine shower of rain and expect more. We hope for a spell of moist weather.

## SILVER KING.

Early Hubbard has sued in the Fifteenth District Court for a dissolution of the partnership subsisting between him and B. W. Reagan, the co-defendants being the Silver King Mining Company and James M. Barney. The complaint sets forth that Hubbard and Reagan were the sole owners of a half interest in the Silver King mine, in Pinal county, Arizona, one of the richest mines in the whole territory. Last spring the two came to this city to organize a company which was done. Ex-Governor Woods of Oregon and Utah, being made President, and J. M. Barney, B. W. Reagan, G. L. Woods, B. J. Barney, and W. H. Booth, Trustees. Hubbard was an uneducated man and little acquainted with commercial transactions, and alleges that Reagan induced him by deceiving representation to consent to allowing a Board of Arbitration to settle certain disputes which had arisen between him and Reagan. This board all friends of Reagan, and wine and dined by him, came to the conclusion that Hubbard's title to the quarter interest of a \$1,000,000 mine was worth only \$5,000, and Hubbard, believing the thing to be on the square, accepted Reagan's notes for the amount. His eyes being since opened, he brings the suit for dissolution of the partnership; an equal division of their mining interest; to vacate and set aside the arbitration and award mentioned; to annul the deeds which he was induced to sign misunderstandingly, as alleged to enjoin Reagan during the pendency of the action from disposing of or disposing in any way the partnership property; to enjoin the Silver King Mining Company from issuing any stock to Reagan, and to enjoin Barney paying out any funds presumed to have been placed in his hands by Reagan. Meantime a restraining order has been issued by the court. The case is set for argument on the motion for a permanent injunction on the 13th instant. A strong point claimed for the plaintiff is that neither under the laws of this state nor of Arizona can questions as to the disposition of real property be determined by arbitration in that way.—S. F. Call.

Crops throughout New Mexico never looked better than this year. The hoppers have done but little harm and an excellent crop of wheat and oats is assured. Corn also looks splendid. Grass is good and hay will not be any special object but can be cut most anywhere.

The earnings of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway for the month of May were \$65,435.54, or at the rate of about \$800,000 a year.

## PRESCOTT.

### WM. M. BUFFUM

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## PRESCOTT.

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